AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Joint Committee of WHO and FAO have found CAPTAFOL carcinogenic in both rate and mice.

(b) Some developed countries have either banned or withdrawn the use of CAPTAFOL.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An Expert Committee appointed by the Government is going into this matter.

Ban on import of ALDICARB

2764. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Registration Committee of C.I.B. allowed the import of ALDICARB 10 per cent Granule, a highly toxic insecticide to M/s. Gujarat Agro Insecticides, Ahmedabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that formerly M/s. Union Carbide of India, was manufacturing this Insecticide;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Agriculture have already received the recommendations of the availability of other safer items against ALDICARB;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the allowing of the import of ALDICARB to Gujarat Agro Insecticides was referred to by the Registration Committee of C.I.B. to the Ministry of Agriculture and ICAR who have not given their approval so far; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for allowing import of above insecticide by the Registration Committee of C.I.B. under Insecticides Act and what action Government propose to take to stop import of this highly toxic insecticide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No Sir. M/s. Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation, Ahmedabad has been allowed to import Aldicarb 10 per cent Granule by the Registration Committee in the form of encapsulated formulation which is safe to handle in its application.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Aldicarb 10 per cent Granule (encapsulated) is already registered under Section 9(3) of the Insecticides Act, 1968 for use against golden nematode of potatoes in Nilgiri Hills and nematode of tobacco in general. M/s. Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation fulfill all the requirements for issue of registration certificate under Section 9(4) of the Act. Import by them has therefore been allowed.

Food preservation units in A.P.

2765. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of establishing food preservation unit in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have sanctioned setting up of a Unit of Integrated Fisheries Project at Visakhapatnam processing and preservation of fish.

(c) Does not arise.